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AH! ME!

Never were my days more dreary,
Ah, me.
Never heart than mine more weary,
For the eye that mine delighted,
Never shall I see;
And the love I nursed is blighted,
Ah, me.
When I wender down the meadow,
Ah, me.
On my heart then falls a shadow,
Butter cups es well as clover,
Pink is vale and lee,
But she's gone who made them merry,
Ah, me.
When the evening winds are sighing,
Ah, me:
When the plaintive dove is sighing,
To their wall my heart replying
Evermore will be;
Brooding where the loved is lying,
Ah, me.
Oh, the path I tread is lonely,
Ah, me.
And my heart keeps sighing only,
By the dark and lonesome river,
She who walkd with me
Sleeps forever end forever.
Ah, me.

ANON

[On examining the above more carefully, we don't like the sentiment in one two of the lines. We believe in a hereafter, for good or evil, according to the lives we live on earth. We would read the last line—

"In quiet, sleeps, but not forever."]

Dakota is a big place, 140,100 square miles, embracing 96,596,480 acres, and said to be larger than all the New England States [Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island] and New York, combined!

An Assembly of Knights of Labor at Mahanoy Plane, Pa., unanimously adopted resolutions deprecating the recent strike of railroad employees and miners as a "hasty and impetuous mistake!" and determined to surrender their charter, and pursue a course hereafter to avoid the mistakes so detrimental to their own interests." Sensible. Other charters have been surrendered where the members have become dissatisfied.

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TREES, AND THEIR USES.

BY DR. STEVENSON.

A fashion once set up is apt to spread through a community. The present disposition to trim off the large branches, and to cut down the ancient shade trees, requires to be guarded by careful discrimination. Large limbs should never be lopped from mature or old trees except in case of necessity. It injures the health of a tree, and hastens its death. The exposed stumps decay at the ends, and impairs its strength; fungi grow upon them and sap its vitality; insects find a secure place to deposit their larvæ to breed a crop of worms to feed upon its foliage. The popular notion that shade trees in a town cause dampness in houses, and thus engender disease, is a mistake. Foliage in this latitude lasts only five months in the year, and, unless it overshadows or shades the roof of a house, is not unhealthy. The leaves of a tree are its lungs, and, to a great extent, its stomach. More nourishment is obtained from the air than from the ground. They decompose and absorb the emanations from decaying vegetable and animal matter, and help to purify the air. They are great destroyers of that insidious poison known as malaria. Medical literature records many instances of places rendered uninhabitable from fevers following the cutting down of trees surrounding houses and villages. Trees do not make a house damp, unless overshadowing it. On the contrary, their roots absorb a large amount of excess of moisture in the earth. Dampness in houses in a town is caused by deficient drainage. Houses clustered together occupy space, and the rainfall upon their roofs, together with the waste water of the wells, is conducted to soil that has to receive a large excess of water beyond its power to absorb and evaporate.

The great beauty of Haddonfield is its old shade trees. Touch them gently; for, if destroyed, it will take a lifetime to replace them. Put in a good system of drainage, and then no dampness will be a cause of ill health.

Under the head of Literary Notes in Harper's Magazine for February, it is stated that Florento, a historian believed to be accurate and reliable, asserts that during 18 years of the Dominican Torquemada, (the first Grand Inquisitor,) appointed by Ferdinand and Isabella in 1478, 10,220 individuals were burned alive, and 97,321 punished with infamy, loss of property, or perpetual imprisonment.

Jerry O'Keefe and Molly Sullivan had concluded to get married. Molly had evidently been the moving cause in the business, and had to instruct Jerry, who was ignorant of the part he was to take in the matter, and hence when the priest asked him if he took the bride for better or worse, he replied, "She told me to say 'Yis!'"

Montana is reported as a country for raising big vegetables. A traveller states that he has the "online" of a turnip which measures 17 inches across, 7 inches deep, and weighs 24 pounds!

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Our new Board of Borough COMMISSIONERS, elected last Tuesday, consists of Julius Smith, Chs. H. Hillman, Jehu Wood, J. Morris Roberts. There was a tie vote between Jos. F. Kay and L. J. Stone.

There will be a special election to decide whether it shall be Kay or Stone.

Commissioners of Appeal—Wm. Knox, Geo. D. Stuart, John H. Lippincott.

Whether these are improvements on the old Board, and bespeak better regulations, time will determine.

The people of the Methodist Church gave their newly appointed minister a hearty reception on Thursday evening, the 5th inst. Quite a large party assembled at the parsonage, said to be the largest ever met on such an occasion. There was some music, with pleasant and social interchange of views, and an abundance of good things to eat and drink for young and old. It was evidently gratifying to the preacher, Rev. Philip Cline, as he took occasion on the Sunday following from the pulpit to thank the people for their kindness and cordiality.

DISGRACEFUL.—On Friday evening, the 30th ult., a disgraceful scene was enacted in front of a house on Tanner street, in which a respectable young couple after being married had taken up their abode. Fireworks were let off, guns were fired, with other unseemly noise, and the people of the neighborhood were thrown into a state of nervousness, for fear their houses would be set on fire. Now, if there is no law, or officers willing or able to enforce the law, against such rowdyism, it is time there was. They began about the time that many people were retiring for the night, and kept on for about an hour. Their object seemed to be to annoy, and thus force the newly married couple to furnish the unmanly crowd with something to eat and drink. It seems to be a common occurrence on such occasions, and it is time it were stopped. It's a disgrace to the town.

It seems we made a slight blunder in the last No. by calling Elizabeth Estauah, "Hannah." We knew better, and can only account for it from the fact that as we were thinking of times long gone by, it may have brought to mind, away back in days of boyhood, a nice little girl by the name of Hannah N—, for whom we had a fancy, and sometimes walked home from meetin' with her, which was the cause of running "rags" upon us. But leaving that part of the country soon after, and attracted by new faces, she received no further attention from her "heartless" admirer.

Will the person who borrowed the "Odd Trump," a book, kindly return it to the OWNER.

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A meeting was held on the 29th ult. to remonstrate against the recent large advance in prices for Railroad travel. A Committee was appointed to wait on the authorities, but we understand they failed to obtain any concession. These high prices will bear very hard on some who have been induced to settle along the road. Railroads seem to be run for the benefit of high-salaried officers and employees. The public and stockholders are of little account. One lady in purchasing a ticket that cost so much more than she had expected, could give vent to her feelings only by quietly uttering "outrageous." Whether the railroad will be much benefitted financially, is a question, as travelling no doubt will be very materially restricted.

A meeting in relation to our Public Schools was held a few days ago, with Joel Perkins as chairman, and Samuel Perkins, Jr., Sec. The report of the Trustees was approved, and the money asked for granted. It had been rumored that money would be asked for another school house and another assistant teacher, but nothing was done in either case.

The Easter offering collected at the Episcopal Church on Easter Sunday, amounted to \$270. This sum goes into the Building Fund, which now amounts to nearly \$7000, to be appropriated to the erection of a new church.

Heard the frogs piping merrily for the first time this season on the 5th of April. They evidently thought "gentle spring" had come.

Quite a heavy snow-fall hereabouts this morning, this 16th of April!

Mrs. McNinny, who has been away for several months, has returned to her home in Haddonfield.

The W. C. T. U. meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4 o'clock, in Wilkins' Hall.

The churches were decorated with Flowers on Easter Sunday—some of them quite profusely.

Some bad man broke into the house John Adams a few nights ago, and carried off an overcoat and vest.

David Tatom, a Friend, gave a Temperance lecture in the Town Hall, on 4th day evening, 4th inst.

We see it stated in a newspaper that a person was recently buried in the Baptist church. News!

Mr. Schlecht, the baker, is about erecting a nice double brick house on Tanner street.

Entertainment at Wilkins' Hall, April 17, at 8 o'clock, by Haddon Assembly No. 12, Artizans, &c.

Also, by Thos. H. Davis Post, No. 53, in N. J. Building, on Saturday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock.

Also, by the Haddon Fire Co. in the N. J. Building, on Tuesday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock.

But none of these seem to have thought of sending us a Ticket.

DIED,

In Haddonfield, on the 29th March, Mrs. ELLEN WEBB, aged 74, widow of the late Matthias Webb.

On the 2nd of April, WILLIAM PLUM, aged 75, a well-known resident of Haddonfield, and will be remembered in connection with Plum's Excursions